IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 27, and ending on page 6, line 2,with the following paragraph:

Figure 1 shows a schematic illustration of an ATM-based communication network ATM-KN having network nodes NK arranged therein and connected to one another. <u>Fig 1 shows five network nodes, NK1 through NK5.</u> The network nodes NK are realized, for example, by ATM switching systems to which communication terminal devices can be connected. By way of example, two communication terminal devices KE are shown that are connected via a fourth network node NK4 or, respectively, via a fifth network node NK5 to the ATM-based communication network ATM-KN.